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1. This is a Request for filing a new Patent Application(☐ Design ☒ Utility) entitled:

2. (Complete) Title:

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without a filing fee or Oath/Declaration but for which is enclosed the following:

3. ☒ Abstract 1 page(s).4. 51 Pages of Specification (only spec. and claims); 5. ☐ Specification in non-English language6. 28 Numbered claim(s); and7. ☒ Drawings: 14 sheet(s) ☐ 1 set informal; 8. ☒ formal of size: ☒ A4 ☐ 11"9. **DOMESTIC/INTERNATIONAL** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(e)/120/365(c) based on the following provisional, nonprovisional and/or PCT international application(s):

Application No.	Filing Date	Application No.	Filing Date
(1) 60/056,102	August 20, 1997	(2) 09/136,292	August 18, 1998
(3) 60/170,545	December 14, 1999	(4)	
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10. **FOREIGN** priority is claimed under 35 USC 119(a)-(d)/365(b) based on filing in

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11. (No.) Certified copy (copies): ☐ attached; ☐ previously filed (date)
in U.S. Application No. / filed on 12. ☐ This is a reissue of Patent No. 13. ☒ See top first page re prior Provisional, National, International application(s) (X box only if info is there and do not complete corresponding item 14 or 15.)14. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line -- This is a ☐ Continuation-in-Part
☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation ☐ Substitute Application (MPEP 201.09) of:14(a) ☐ National Appln. No. / filed -- (M#)14(b) ☐ International Appln. No. PCT/ filed which designated the U.S. --15. ☐ Amend the specification by inserting before the first line: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/ , filed , --16. Extension to date: ☐ concurrently filed ☒ not needed ☐ previously filed17. ☐ Small Entity Status is claimed (**pre-filing confirmation required**)17(a) ☐ Attached: (No.) Small Entity Statement(s). (Since 9/8/00 Small Entity Statement **not essential** to make claim)17(b) ☐ See **NONPUBLICATION REQUEST** under Rule 213(a) attached (PAT-258)

18. ☐ Prior application is assigned to

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19. ☐ Attached:

20. This application is made by the following named inventor(s) (Double check instructions for accuracy.):
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